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CUSTOMER NO. 27717

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Re: Snap-on Incorporated  
Matter No. 458290  
Patent Application for:  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ATTACHING AND DETACHING AN  
ATTACHABLE DEVICE  
Filed: October 21, 2003  
Serial No. 10/691,226

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time and Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-captioned application, sent with Certificate of Mailing thereon.

Also enclosed is our check for \$450 for the extension fee.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment incident to the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 19-1351.

Sincerely yours,  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	)	<b>CUSTOMER NO. 27717</b>
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Christopher D. Thompson et al.	)	Examiner: James G. Smith
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Serial No. 10/691,226	)	Group Art Unit: 3723
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Filed: October 21, 2003	)	Confirmation No. 8361
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**REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition, under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 15, 2004 for two months, from November 15, 2004 to January 15, 2005.

Enclosed is our check in payment of the \$450.00 extension fee.

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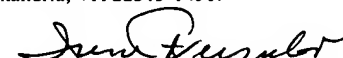
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This is in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2004, in which the examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

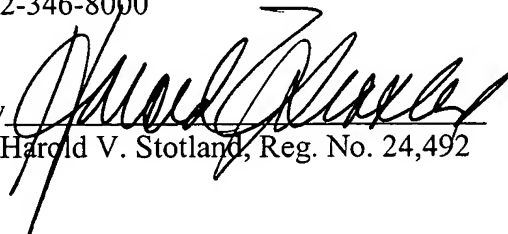
- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a tool with a detachable handle, classified in class 81, subclass 177.85.
- II. Claims 19-39, drawn to a coupling for two members, classified in class 403, subclass 321.
- III. Claims 40, drawn to a method of assembling a tool, classified in class 29, subclass 428.

In response to this requirement, applicants elect claims 1-18 of Group I, for further prosecution on the merits in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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